## CHILD HEALTH STATUS: Percent of children ever diagnosed with asthma & the prevalence of asthma among children Children, Ages 0 to 17 years Los Angeles County Health Survey, 1999 (+/- 95% CI) Percent **Estimate Los Angeles County** Has been diagnosed with asthma 12.6 8.0 355,000 <sup>10</sup> Has asthma 6.1 0.6 173,000 **Long Beach Health District** Has been diagnosed with asthma 14.2 4.4 16,000 <sup>10</sup> Has asthma 6.2 3.0 7,000

Source: 1999 Los Angeles County Health Survey

Note: The information presented is based on self-reported data from a randomly-selected, representative sample of 6,016 Los Angeles County parents/guardians. Use caution when interpreting data with very wide 95% confidence intervals or sample sizes less than 30 as they may be statistically unstable. The percentages and numbers are the best estimates of the actual prevalence of each described characteristic in the population. The 95% confidence intervals (CI) represent the margin of error that occurs with statistical sampling, and means that the actual prevalence in the population, 95 out of 100 times sampled, would fall within the range provided.

<sup>\*</sup>Estimates are based on fewer than 30 respondents in a given measure or strata.

<sup>-</sup>Estimate not reported due to a sample size less than 5 in a given measure or strata.

<sup>10</sup> Current prevalence of asthma among children reflects those children who have been diagnosed by a provider as having asthma and who have had an asthma episode/attack within the last 12 months.